

3. (Twice Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the acetic acid ester of glycerin

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is selected from the group consisting of glyceryl triacetate, glyceryl diacetate and glyceryl acetate.

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Please delete claim 7 without prejudice to the filing of any appropriate continuation application.

8. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the carrier is selected from the group

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consisting of glycerin, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycols, chewing gum and gum base products, floss carriers and floss wax products, oils, waxes and esters.

10. (Amended) The composition of claim 9 wherein the thickening agent is selected from

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the group consisting of neutralized carboxymethylene, polyacrylic acid polymers and copolymers, hydroxypropylcellulose and other cellulose ethers, salts of poly(methyl vinyl ether-co-maleic anhydride), poly(vinylpyrrolidone), poly(vinylpyrrolidone-co-vinyl acetate), silicon dioxide, fumed silica, and stearic acid esters.

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Please add the following new claims:

--28. (NEW) The composition of claim 7, wherein the carrier is chewing gum.

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29. (NEW) The composition of claim 7 wherein the carrier is dental floss---